

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SU  
SUBJECT: NIMEIRI ADDRESSES COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

REF: A. KHARTOUM 3136, B. KHARTOUM 3172

1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ESTABLISHED SEPTEMBER 13 HELD FIRST MEETING SEPTEMBER 19. MEDIA REPORTED NIMEIRI'S KEYNOTE SPEECH IN UNUSUAL DETAIL.
2. NIMEIRI 'EMPHASIZED' PROCESS OF CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IS PERMANENT AND CONTINUOUS BECAUSE NATIONAL PROGRESS REQUIRES CHANGES. MODE OF CHANGE IS NOT RPT NOT AN INDICATION OR AN EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF SENIOR OFFICERS, BUT SOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITIONS ARE MORE SUITED TO STYLES OR SKILLS OF PARTICULAR OFFICERS AND THESE CHANGES FROM TIME TO TIME. FURTHERMORE, HOLDING ONE POST FOR LONG TIME MIGHT LIMIT ONE'S INNOVATION.

3. NIMEIRI ALSO WISHED PERSONALLY TO TAKE CHARGE OF POSITIONS THAT REQUIRE QUICK DECISION MAKING AT THIS TIME.

IN ADDITION, THE PROCESS OF BRINGING COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO A BACKWARD SOCIETY CAUSES QUOTE SOME NEGATIVE EFFECTS UNQUOTE WHICH REQUIRED DECISIVE ACTION.

4. REMAINING POINTS OF NIMEIRI'S APPARENT ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN AWAY RECENT GOVERNMENT CHANGES WERE MORE GENERAL. AMONG PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED HE CITED WORLD-WIDE INFLATION, FOR EXAMPLE. HOWEVER, NIMEIRI POINTED OUT THAT SUDAN'S DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES PROMULGATED BY THE SECOND SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION NATIONAL CONGRESS QUOTE COMMIT EVERY SUDANESE AT HOME OR ABROAD. ...THERE WILL BE NO ROOM FOR PERSONAL IDEAS UNQUOTE, EXCEPT THAT DEBATE IS NEVER RESTRICTED INSIDE THE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS OF SUDAN. NIMEIRI CONCLUDED THAT SUDAN LEADERS MUST SET EXAMPLES THAT QUOTE CONVEY THE ESSENCE OF THEIR VIRTUOUS CONDUCT TO THE MASSES. UNQUOTE. HE CONGRATULATED HIS AUDIENCE FOR THEIR APPOINTMENTS TO HIGH POSTS.

5. COMMENT: SECOND SSU NATIONAL CONGRESS OF JANUARY 1977 SET MOSTLY INNOCUOUS THEMES, SUCH AS STRESS ON NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MORE CONTROVERSIAL POLICIES HAVE COME SINCE THEN, IN PARTICULAR SWITCH FROM SOVIET TO WEST FOR MILITARY SUPPORT AND SWITCH FROM PUBLIC ANIMOSITY TO NATIONAL RECONCILIATION ON DOMESTIC FRONT.  
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